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**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT** *continued from front page*

her experience as an onlooker in society. She tries to give her poetry distance from her personal life so that readers can work with her, and “make up their own minds about the poems.” To share her poetry with more readers, Tina sent her writing samples to a self publishing company. AuthorHouse helped her to create a book of original poetry, from cover to content, called *Violets in Blues*.

Tina has been successful because she has never been fearful of failure. Writer’s block, she says, “stems from the fear of writing badly.” Her advice is simple. “People must write and keep writing, or they end the possibility of creating something good,” Tina says. She practices this daily, often writing in parks, coffee shops, and when she cannot sleep.

In *Violets in Blues*, Tina acknowledges a number of friends, family, and Stony Brook professors for their inspiration and encouragement to get published. It is evident, however, that her love of writing and her self-motivation have also played major roles. Tina hopes that “people will begin to see that poetry is still alive and bustling,” and her determination to share her writings is already beginning to do so.

**March  
Campus Lifetime  
Bookstore Event**

On Wednesday, March 4 at  
1:00pm, Tina will read original  
poetry from her first book  
“*Violets in Blues*.”



**UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE PARTNERS  
WITH THE NYS CONSUMER PROTECTION BOARD**

The New York State Consumer Protection Board has partnered with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, including our own campus bookstore. This partnership, coupled with the New York State Textbook Access Act of 2008, will work to raise consumer awareness on how both faculty and students can help to save money on textbooks.

The act, which goes into effect this July, will provide faculty with easier access to publishers’ textbook pricing, so that they can make more informed decisions when choosing textbooks. The act will also be creating policies to promote the used textbook market.

During the months of May through December last year, the Bookstore gave back over \$500,000 to stu-

dents. This represents a 15% increase from the previous year, but there is still room for improvement. Without knowledge of which books are being adopted for the next semester, the Bookstore must return the textbooks students sell back to wholesalers. If more faculty members continue to place orders on time, the books students sell back will not only be worth more to the student seller, they will also end up on the shelves marked “used” at a lower price for future students.

The Bookstore hopes that this act and the new partnership will promote communication between students, faculty, publishers, and the campus Bookstore, and result in more used textbooks on the shelves and more money in students’ pockets.

  
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# Bookstore Newsletter

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**Remember...  
the Textbook  
Requisition  
Deadlines**

The earlier the  
adoptions, the more  
money given back to  
students, and the  
more used books on  
shelves!

Summer Sessions  
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**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT ON: TINA GANGULY  
ENGLISH MAJOR AT STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY**



**Tina Ganguly, Undergraduate Student**

Tina Ganguly is only in her third year as an English major at Stony Brook University, but this exceptionally motivated undergraduate student is

by Martina Robotham

already a published poet. Tina started writing early on, but it was during twelfth grade at her school in India that she began writing poetry instead of prose. After her first reading of T.S. Elliot’s “The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock,” Tina felt inspired not only to create her own poetry, but to use it to bring people together. She began to arrange poetry readings and writing sessions, during which her affinity for poetry grew to include the works of Neruda, Paz, Ginsberg, Lorca and Shakespeare. Fascinated by the power of suggestion and the symbolic imagery in her favorite poems, Tina’s own writings are often metaphoric expressions of

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**SIMPLIFYING THE TEXTBOOK  
BUYING PROCESS ON CAMPUS**

During the first week of classes this Spring Semester, the shelves of the University Bookstore textbook section will be open as usual. Beginning Thursday, February 5, however, the Bookstore will provide a new counter service. Students will be able to present their schedule of classes to bookstore employees, who will then not only retrieve all of their books for them, but will also ring up their textbook purchases at the same counter.

This past Winter Session, the bookstore offered this new service on a trial basis, and it has already begun

to make the process of finding and buying textbooks run much more smoothly.

In addition to simplifying the textbook buying process, the Bookstore is confident that the use of counter service will protect the store by reducing shrinkage, and improve its customer service. The Bookstore will be perfecting this service throughout the next semesters, and making more course supplies available behind the counter. Our aim is to make your shopping experience a pleasurable one. Please give us your feedback.